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LIVESTOCK COMPENSATION PROGRAM II (LCP II)

APPLICATION DEADLINE -- JULY 03, 2003

The USDA, Farm Service Agency has announced a deadline of July 03, 2003 for eligible livestock owners to apply for Livestock Compensation Program II (LCP II) benefits. The LCP II provides drought disaster assistance in the form of monetary relief benefits to eligible livestock ranchers in counties that have received primary disaster designation due to drought in 2001 and/or 2002. Producers who were not eligible for last year's Livestock Compensation Program -- or missed the application cutoff date -- have an opportunity to participate as the program was extended by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003. Sign up for the program, called LCP-II. The following are livestock eligible for LCP beef and dairy cattle, buffalo and beefalo (when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle), goats, and sheep.

Interested livestock producers with operational headquarters located in the State of Hawaii should contact the USDA Service Center or County FSA Office in the county where the livestock operation's headquarters are located.

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USDA ANNOUNCES SIGN-UP FOR 2001 or 2002 CROP DISASTER PROGRAM (CDP)

Sign-up has begun for the Crop Disaster Program (CDP) on 2001 or 2002 crop losses (not both) due to adverse weather conditions. The closing date for sign-up will be announced at a later date, but producers will be given ample opportunity to complete the process. Payments for CDP are authorized by the Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003, signed into law on February 20, 2003, to provide some \$2 billion in aid for producers suffering from natural disasters. The CDP has no funding limitation but each producer is limited to \$80,000.

Under CDP, producers will be reimbursed for qualifying crop production and quality losses to crops (other than sugar cane, sugar beets or tobacco) for either the 2001 or 2002 crops. Payments will be issued for losses exceeding 35 percent of expected production at:

- 50% of the established price for crops that were covered by crop insurance;
- 50% of the established price for crops for which crop insurance was not available; and
- 45% of the established price to producers for crops that could have been insured but were not.

Prices used to calculate disaster payments for crops insured under the Federal Crop Insurance Program will be the Actual Production History (APH) prices. For crops not insured, five-year average market prices will be used. Most crops in Hawaii are not insured.

Crop disaster payments will be reduced if the sum of: (1) the disaster payment; (2) the net crop insurance indemnity; and (3) the value of the crop that was not lost, exceeds 95 percent of what the value of the crop would have been in the absence of a loss.

USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) has developed a Web site that provides producers with one convenient location for details on new and existing disaster assistance, <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>. For more information about CDP and other disaster assistance, please visit our website, or contact your local county FSA offices or USDA Service Centers.

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